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NEAR EAST TROUBLE.

WARSHIP WITHDRAWAL ORDER.

A MENACING SITUATION.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 7.
The Turkish commander at Smyrna has informed the commanders of the Allied warships that he has been ordered to enforce their withdrawal if they do not comply with the Turkish order to leave Smyrna.
FRENCH COLONY DISTURBED.

LATER.
The Allied High Commissioners strongly protested against the demand that the Allied warships leave Smyrna and uttered a warning of the grave consequences of any Turkish attempt at coercion.

The French consul at Smyrna reports that the French colony there is greatly disturbed at the menacing situation and requests authority to embark French subjects on the Messagerie Maritimes steamer "Pierre Loti" and the French cruiser "Smyrna." The Turkish newspapers publish an order by the Military Commander at Constantinople directing all officers on the active and retired lists immediately to register, otherwise they will be punished.

DEMAND "MOST UNJUSTIFIABLE."

LONDON, February 7.
Responsible quarters in London consider the Turkish demand for the withdrawal of foreign warships from Smyrna most unjustifiable as the Madama convention is still in force till the Peace Treaty is signed. The British warships at Smyrna are protecting British interests and the possibility of a withdrawal is believed to be very remote.

ISMET LEAVES LAUSANNE.

LAUSANNE, February 7.
Ismet Pasha and the principal Turkish delegates have departed.

ANOTHER EMS TELEGRAM.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 7.
General Palle, the French High Commissioner, receiving Turkish journalists, expressed astonishment at the change in the tone of the Turkish press towards France especially in view of France's role of mediation at Lausanne. He said that the attitude of the Turkish delegation at Lausanne apparently changed at the eleventh hour consequent on the receipt of a telegram from Ankara.

General Palle concluded by pointedly remarking: "I hope this telegram will not prove another Ems telegram," the allusion being to the telegram precipitating the Franco-Prussian war.

SOMEONE BLUFFING OR—?

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 7.
The Turkish commander at Smyrna has shortened the time given the foreign warships to leave Smyrna from midnight to night to sunset this evening.
The High Commissioners have ordered the allied warships to remain until ordered to leave by their governments.

ANGORA WARNED.

LONDON, February 7.
The British and French cabinets have agreed to reject the Turkish demand for withdrawal of the warships from Smyrna after midnight and to warn Angora that the warships have been ordered to defend themselves in case of attack.

CAIRO OUTRAGE.

ANOTHER ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION.

CAIRO, February 7.
Two shots were fired this morning at Mr. Ambler, an English railway employee. He was not hit but a native workman was wounded. The assailant escaped.

LATER.

Owing to the attempt to murder Mr. Ambler, the authorities have appointed a Military Governor of Cairo to take measures to deal with such crimes. A military cordon has been placed around the area where the attempt was made and nobody is allowed to leave without a permit.

RUE SITUATION.

RUNNING INTERNATIONAL TRAINS.

PARIS, February 7.
Minister Le Troquer referring to the Ruhr stated that the running of international trains was now assured and the transport of coal and coke was being increased.

DUKE OF YORK'S WEDDING.

FIXED FOR APRIL.

THE DUKE OF YORK'S wedding will now be fixed for April 24 at Windsor. The Duke is expected to arrive in England on the 20th.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/2 11/16.
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WASHINGTON AGREEMENTS.

FRANCE STILL DALLIES.

PACIFIC DEFENCE FEARS.

PARIS, February 7.
M. Raynaldy has concluded the draft of a report for the chamber of Foreign Affairs Committee on the bill ratifying the four-power Pacific treaty. The bill adds a rider to article two, stipulating that in the event of the rights of the contracting parties in relation to insular possessions in the Pacific being threatened by the aggressive action of any other power, France will not be obliged to give armed assistance towards their defence. "The treaty implies no alliance or obligation to participate in defensive action."

With the foregoing reservation, the reporter concludes in favour of ratification. He points out that the treaty whose advantages are "all purely of a moral order" indirectly benefits the non-signatory powers like the South American Republics bordering the Pacific.

ITALY RATIFIES CHINA TREATIES.

ROME, February 7.
The voting of the Chamber for the ratification of the Washington treaty relative to the independence of China was 267 to 19.

The treaty relative to the revision of the Chinese customs was approved by 262 to 24 votes.

BRITISH DEBT AGREEMENT.

U.S. CONGRESS ASKED TO APPROVE.

WASHINGTON, February 7.
Submitting the report of the American Debt Commission to Congress the President requested approval of the debt agreement with Britain as "a re-commitment of the English speaking world to validity of contract." He also asked for the enactment of the Ship Subsidy Bill because "it was as important to avoid losses as to secure funds on debt."

A GREAT STEP.

WASHINGTON, February 7.
President Harding approved the judgment of the Commission that the agreement "fully preserved the integrity of obligation and represented the first great step towards the readjustment of inter-governmental obligations growing out of the war."

Senator Smoot then introduced a bill amending the debt law in order to provide for acceptance of the British and similar settlements on the part of other nations.

President Harding pointed out that while the debt settlement would bring over \$150,000,000 a year; the United States was operating Government-owned shipping at a loss of \$50,000,000 a year. He intimated that if the subsidy bill were defeated and Congress failed to submit to the alternative, the executive may proceed as best it can to end the losses in liquidation and humiliation.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES.

FRANCS DOWN FURTHER.

LONDON, February 7.
French francs have receded to 74.80, Belgian to 84.85, the latter 96. The mark stands nominally at 170/175 thousand. Sterling is 4/6 7/8.

WASHINGTON, February 7.

A treaty of peace and friendship has been signed by the Central American Conference.

Mr. Hughes announced that Guatemala and Honduras have decided to submit their boundary dispute to President Harding's arbitration.

FRENCH NATIONALITY DECREES.

INTERNATIONAL COURT'S RULING.

THE HAGUE, February 7.
The Court of International Justice has delivered judgment in the dispute between the British and French Governments regarding the French nationality decrees in Tunis and Morocco which the Council of the League of Nations referred to it. The Court has decided against the French contention that the decrees are matters of purely domestic concern.

INDIAN FRONTIER FIGHTING.

CLASH WITH TRIBES, MARSUDS.

ALABAMA, February 7.
Two Indian tribes, the Chickasaw and Choctaw, have clashed with the United States Army in the Indian Territory. The fighting was confined to the frontier. The tribes suffered very heavy losses being caught between converging columns.

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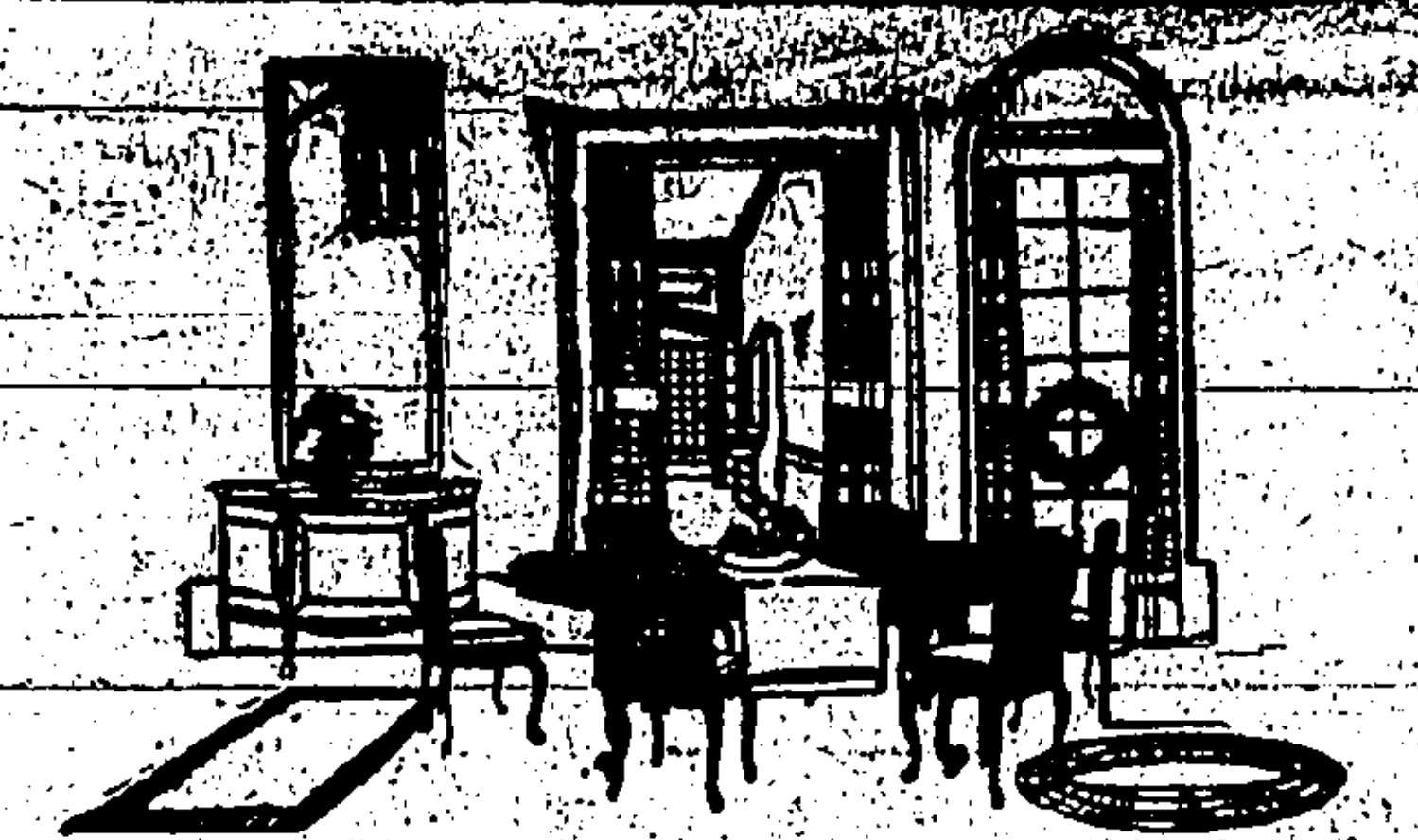
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N. LUND,
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Hongkong, January 25, 1923.

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"What does 'vehemently' mean?" a child asked me on hearing me using the word, writes Robert Lynd in the *Daily News*. "I told her, 'Oh,' she said, 'I always call that 'vehemently'."

If you say it over to yourself, you will see that it sounds much better that way. It is melancholy to think that as the child grows up she will inevitably take to the correct pronunciation of the word and give up her own vastly superior one.

I myself as a small child always pronounced "determined" "determind," with the accent on the last syllable but one. You will agree, I think, that pronounced in this way, the word expresses purpose much better than if you pronounced it correctly. As I grew up, I weakly gave in to authority, and my vocabulary is the poorer as a result of my cowardice.

It is one of the civil results of education that we all try to pronounce words in the same way—to give them the same "pronunciation," as I once heard it called by a countryman. There should be scope for individual preference in the pronunciation of words. I have heard a young poet using the word "lugubrious" in describing a ballad singer's music, and this seems to me to convey a sense of gloom, boningness, and toilsome effort in a way in which "lugubrious" does not.

What a good adjective, again; did the house maid invent when she described somebody as a "pompous" man?

It is a curious fact that most people find mispronunciations of words extraordinarily interesting. A man can become one of the day's subjects for conversation merely by pronouncing a word wrong in a pulpit or on a platform.

One speaker startled his hearers a few years ago by speaking tenderly of what he called an "ee-wee-lamb." It is almost incredible that an educated man should be able to go through life without ever having heard the word "ee-wee-lamb" pronounced in the usual way and quietly giving in. This man, I imagine, had got into his head as a child that "ee-wee" was pronounced "ee-wee," and he simply had not the power to unlearn it.

I know a child who for years thought that "unplastered" was pronounced "yennifer-stearer." Could anything be more charming? The world is surely the richer for so nobly pronounced a trade. Yet education

comes along and insists that every little boy and girl shall call an upholsterer an upholsterer, which seems to me exceedingly dull in comparison.

THE ORDERS OF EDUCATION. I have no quarrel with school-teachers for teaching children the correct pronunciation of words, when the mispronunciation is not eccentric, but follows convention of its own. There is no virtue in instance, in calling him "an" if the child does this merely because it has heard other people doing so. The only mispronunciations that give pleasure are those which are individual and are, as it were, freshly invented.

I remember as a small boy going up one day an hour before a party was to begin to a sideboard on which there were jellies as beautiful as rainbows and all manner of other delightful dishes. A servant came into the room and saw me drawing dangerously near the food with greedy eyes. "Come away, now," she ordered me, "from them combustible." I had never heard the word before, but even then I enjoyed it. And it still seems to me a much more expressive word than "combustibles" for too rich a mixture of exquisite foods.

There is one kind of mispronunciation that pleases many people. I do not know why. This is the mispronunciation of the names of places. If you pronounce "Bathchell Street" in the hearing of a Glasgow man in the way in which it is spelt, you will amuse him more than if you told him the best joke F. W. Thomas ever made. In the same way, some people regard you as an object for mirth if you do not know whether or not to pronounce the "W" in Gatwick. As for "Horsham," there are two schools of thought, some people deliberately omitting the second "h," but the vast majority of men pronouncing it as you and I do.

Both bride and bridegroom at a wedding at Martin, Lincolnshire, were deaf and dumb.

Sir Isaac Hayley Balfour, for many years King's botanist in Scotland and formerly Sherardian Professor of Botany in the University of Oxford, died at Courts Hill, Haslemere, Surrey, in his 74th year.

"I have one of the best wives in the world, a lively card without a grey hair," said Mr. Samuel Brighouse, the South-West Lancashire coroner, when a *Daily Mail* reporter congratulated him on his golden wedding.

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THE MEANING OF "NERVES."

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Hongkong, February 2, 1923.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG.

IN THE GOODS OF RAPHAEL
AARON GUBBAY late of
Victoria Hongkong Exchange
Broker deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Court has, by virtue of Section
58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897
(No. 2 of 1897) made an order limiting
the time for sending in claims to
against the above estate to the 28th day
of February 1923. Creditors and
claimants are hereby required to send
their claims to the undersigned by the
above date.

Dated this 3rd day of February 1923.
DEACON HARBON & SHENTON,
Proctors for the Executor
1 Des Voeux Road Central,
HONGKONG.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION.**INTERPORT GAME.**

Hongkong v. Shanghai
Saturday, February 17th.

Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

South China Athletic v. Shanghai
Monday, February 19th.

Club ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. sharp.

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Chairs 50 cents.

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Hongkong, February 1, 1923.

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C. E. FRITH,

Sanitary Dept.

Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 6, 1923.

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the 10th inst., to 7 a.m. on the 12th

inst., Motor Vehicles will be permitted

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far as Stewart Terrace from 8 p.m.

on the 10th inst., to 10 a.m. on the

12th inst.

E. D. C. WOLFE,

Captain Superintendent of Police.

Hongkong, February 6, 1923.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the
letting by Public Auction Sale, to be
held on MONDAY, the 12th day of
February, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the
Office of the Public Works Department, by Order
of His Excellency the Governor of Two
Lots of CROWN LAND at Waterloo
Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a
term of 75 years, with the option of
renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by
the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for
one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Containing in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1. Adjoining Kowloon Lot No. 122, Waterloo Road.	As per plan plan.					about 17,000	200	\$1,800
2. Adjoining Kowloon Lot No. 144, Waterloo Road.	As per plan plan.					11,700	150	

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Lot of CROWN LAND at Tai

Kiang, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of

15 years, with the option of renewal at a

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Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Containing in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1. Adjoining Lot No. 216, A.T. Road.	As per plan plan.					about 1,200	24	\$1,700

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Lot of CROWN LAND at Causeway Bay

in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of

75 years, with the option of renewal at a

Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the

King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Lot No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Containing in Square Feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
		N.	S.	E.	W.			
1. Adjoining Lot No. 1, Causeway Bay.	As per plan plan.					about 1,200	24	\$1,700

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THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 5, George's Building, No. 6 Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, the 10th of February, 1923, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ended 31st December 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 1st February 1923 until Saturday, the 10th February, 1923, both days inclusive.

SEEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 26, 1923.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th Feb., 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 5th February to the 10th February (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, January 24, 1923.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 44, Des Voeux Road, on TUESDAY, 13th February, 1923, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, 26th January, to Tuesday, 13th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1923.

NOTICES.**THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on TUESDAY, 13th February, 1923, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 5th February to TUESDAY, 13th February, both days inclusive during which period, no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

General Agents for

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

Hongkong, January 26, 1923.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Office of Messrs. DOWWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 15th February, 1923, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 8th to 16th February 1923, both dates inclusive.

DOWWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 5, 1923.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 24th February 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be closed from Monday 12th February to Saturday 24th February 1923 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Court of Directors.

A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 5, 1923.

TITLE TOUTS**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT.**

MR. DONALD LAW AGTS.

The report of the Royal Commission on Honours, issued in mail week strongly condemns those who offer to get titles for people in return for money.

The very existence of any such persons is a blot upon the honourable life of the community, declare the Commissioners.

The members of the Commission were Lord Dunsedin (chairman), the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Denman, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Sir Evelyn Cecil, Sir Samuel Hoare, and Sir George Grey-Edwards. All but Mr. Henderson sign the main report, which makes the following suggestions:

A committee of three members of the Privy Council to act as scrutineers of the honours recommendations made by the Prime Minister.

The name and address of the original proposer of each recommendation to be disclosed to the scrutineers.

Should the committee decide against a recommendation, and the Prime Minister persist in it, the King to be informed of the committee's report.

Penalties of honours to any who promise them payment in order to receive an honour.

Overseas opinion should be consulted before a person who is or has been lately living in the Dominion receives an honour.

Mr. Henderson does not think these recommendations go far enough and proposes the abolition of honours for political services which he describes as a deplorable system.

In accordance with the recommendations, the Prime Minister is appointing forthwith a committee of the Privy Council.

The following official announcement has been made:

On the recommendation of the Prime Minister, the King has approved that the Departmental Honours list be published as usual, but in view of the report of the Royal Commission the recommendations for honours covered by that report shall be delayed until they have been considered by a committee of the Privy Council.

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THE CHINA MAIL

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 8, 1923.

SLIPPING BACKWARDS?

"Unless some strong hand can even now clutch Europe and rescue her from the slope down which she is slipping the catastrophe of peace may yet become far greater than the catastrophe of the war." With these words General Smuts, South Africa's distinguished Premier, rages himself with the many notable men who see our civilisation tottering ever nearer the brink of the abyss. H. G. Wells has described the process. "The collapse is visibly spreading—into Austria, Hungary and Poland. It is coming faster and farther west. At this moment Germany is on the very verge of following Russia along the same path of disorder and decay. Mutual suspicion is deepened. The respect for human life is lessened. The authority of the law is everywhere sensibly impaired. The creeping death, the catastrophe of peace, Quoting an Italian statesman's epigram, the Powers, seeking to Europeanise the Balkans, have only succeeded in Balkanising Europe. Any wonder that another Italian statesman, Signor Nitti, in his book "The Decadence of Europe," sees general ruin threatening? Any wonder, after the calamitous events of the last two months, that Wells foresees another war unless Europe speedily comes to its senses?

Wells sees the outward and visible signs of the creeping death overtaking our civilisation—the collapse of the currency system. The trouble with the American dollar, which had now also sunk, was gone. The trend is

beginning to dip and the Italian lira is sagging—today's cables report them both still further down. Just consider Wells' question, what the disappearance of any sort of trustworthy coin—any coin which means the same thing from one week-end to another—means in a modern civilised system. "It means that at the end of the week, if you have a factory, the men have to be paid wages which may be a huge disappointment, which may not mean enough food or other necessities, and not what the men have worked for. It means that you cannot run a railway system: if you cannot charge a fixed price for tickets; that you cannot work any of the big and complicated machinery of our modern civilisation unless you have a workable currency to do it with. And currency is breaking down. That will mean not the very gradual but the comparatively rapid death of transport, of industrial organisation, the death of all that we know as town life. It means a reversion."

That is a grim picture truly, but it is not overdrawn. Ample corroborative testimony exists. Indeed, an independent American observer holds that to say Europe is on the verge of a new general war seems to misstate existing conditions—for, "to say that international political anarchy seems to abolish all present hope of settlement and forestall ever-increasing international anarchy, on the other hand, is to assert that which is becoming an almost self-evident fact." Clearly then, Europe's danger is acute. She is tottering ever nearer the abyss. But there is yet time; disaster can even now be averted—provided the nations make the supreme effort, the last great effort which General Smuts, which every thoughtful observer, sees the only alternative, to (quoting Reuters) anarchy in Europe. There is only one solution. You have heard it before and you will hear it again and again, until either stronger circumstances or sinks in utter despair. Europe must organise a common front, a common policy, a common action, which is making the Balkans such a mess, and which is now also making the American dollar sink.

SPECIAL CABLE.

LADY STUBBS

SAILED FROM SINGAPORE.

SINGAPORE, February 8.
Lady Stubbs sailed for Hongkong and Mrs. Wellington Koo for Shanghai on the "City of Siam" leaving here today.

NORTHERN STRIKE.

SITUATION REPORTED IMPROVED.

PEKING, February 7.
The strike situation has improved. It is semi-officially reported that the workmen on the northern section have decided to return to duty pending settlement.—Reuters.

FATAL CLASH.

HANKOW, February 7.
It appears this afternoon the military ordered the strikers to resume work at kilometre ten. The men refused. The military then fired. Thirty-seven were shot dead and many wounded.

The military concerned in the shooting have now returned to Wu-chang. The British volunteers were called out precautionarily.—Reuters.

LOOTED AND BURNED.

BANDITS RAID TOWN IN MONGOLIA.

PEKING, February 7.
A belated report from Kailashan in Mongolia states that 2,000 bandits attacked the town. They looted and burned a part. They stole the prefectural seals. The prison was opened. The bandits retired northwards.—Reuters.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Jazz Quartet of H.M.S. "Titanic" will play during the dance at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, on Saturday night (Feb. 10), commencing at 9 p.m.

There will be no Cinematograph Display for Children at the Helena May Institute to-morrow, Friday, February 9th, as previously arranged.—Adm.

A marriage has been arranged and will take place shortly between Mr. Ernest Kern of the Station Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss Alice James Valentine Nalby, of the Victoria Hotel, Shanghai.

Manila papers report that the citizens of Alaska are to petition the administration to allow the Russian refugees now at the Mariveles quarantine station, Philippine Islands, to immigrate to the Alaska white belt.

Five robbers, two armed with firearms and the others with daggers, entered a shoemaker's shop at No. 454, Reclamation Street, Yau-motai, last night. They took the shop people by surprise and stole property worth \$75. All five escaped.

A Chinese concubine, aged 24 years, committed suicide yesterday by hanging herself in the kitchen of her flat on the first floor of No. 55, Namcheung Street. Her husband is unable to offer any explanation. She was in her usual high spirits when he left the house in the morning.

Arrested by Sergt. Casey on board a junk in the Northern Railway on the night of Jan. 30, two Chinese were yesterday charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with the unlawful possession on board of 19 Mauser pistols and 19,000 rounds of ammunition. After evidence both accused were committed to the next Criminal Sessions.

A small fire broke out on the ground floor of No. 10, Bridges Street, occupied by a cotton quilt maker, last night. A lot of the shop was lighting a candle to melt some wax and accidentally ignited some cotton. Before the Fire Brigade arrived the shop people and neighbours succeeded in quenching the flames with buckets of water. Damage from fire and water amounts to \$200. The shop was insured with the Wing On Insurance Co. for \$10,000.

"SUI AN" PIRACY.

COMMISSION'S FINDINGS.

BLAME FOR OFFICERS.

OWNERS COMPLETELY EXONERATED.

PROPOSED NEW REGULATIONS.

"The complete success of the piratical attack on the s.s. 'Sui An' was in our opinion due to the fact that the Piracy Regulations generally were not carried out as a routine on this ship; the officers carried no arms on duty; the guards were improperly armed and badly placed for defence. There seems to have been no anticipation whatever of an attack."

In these words the report of the commission appointed by the Government to inquire into the circumstances attending the piracy of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's s.s. "Sui An" on November 19 and to consider whether the existing precautions against piracy are adequate and efficient summarises the result of its investigations. The document was laid on the table at this afternoon's meeting of the Legislative Council.

The members of the commission were:—
Mr. J. R. Wood (Chairman),
The Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, O.B.E.,
Commander C. Beckwith R.N.,
Mr. H. P. White,
Mr. P. M. B. Lake,
Mr. W. J. Carris acted as Secretary.

THE REPORT.

After narrating the actual facts concerning the piracy the report goes on to state that in the Commission's opinion no blame attaches to anyone on account of the fact that the passage of the "Sui An" was not observed either from Cheung Chau Police Station, nor from Wai Yuen Lighthouse, nor from the Chinese Maritime Customs Station at Sam Mun nor did the nearest patrol launch of the Hongkong White Police.

The Commission cannot see that with the information and resources at his disposal, the Secretary of the Steamboat Company could have taken any more effective action than he did.

Dealing with the conduct of the master and other certificated officers of the ship during the attack the report says:—
In our opinion Captain Birss acted in a proper manner. When he found that a piratical attack was being made, he attempted to reach the bridge with all despatch as the position to be defended by the guard. He was unfortunately shot down before he could reach this position.

The Chief Officer, Mr. Conland, had only joined the ship three days before. "He was on duty on the bridge. Apparently he had no time to realise the attack of the pirates until they had practically reached the bridge, and he was put out of action by a blow on the head from a revolver.

The Chief Engineer, Mr. Cullen, was in his cabin on the boat deck on the port side. He was captured by the pirates and secured on the bridge.

The Second Engineer, Mr. Harman, was on duty in the engine room. The engine room was entered by armed men who covered him with their firearms. He continued to superintend the engines under compulsion. In our opinion he had no option but to do so, and we are satisfied that if Mr. Harman had seen any way to change the situation, he would have made an attempt.

SHIP'S GUARDS—EXCELLENT.

The behaviour of the ship's guards appears to have been excellent.

CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS.

OWNERS NOT TO BLAME.

Noting the Piracy Regulations regarding construction observed by the owners the report also points out that the following were not observed:—

Regulation No. 2 which provides for the erection of a grille. "In lieu of the prescribed grille, to be erected across the ship, two grilles were erected at the after end of the smoking room on the boat deck, intended to close the deck on the port and starboard side of the smoking room."

he entered only by means of metal grille doors" was sufficiently observed on the main deck, but no attempt was made to observe it as between second class passengers on the main deck and the first class passengers who were using the boat deck above.

Regulation 12 regarding the disposition of deal cargo was not observed.

"No blame whatever" adds the report "attaches to the owners of the ship in respect of any omission hereby recorded to observe these regulations."

Regulation No. 18 contemplates the relaxation of any of these requirements by the Harbour Master who must certify his satisfaction with the constructional arrangements of the ship. The Harbour Master duly issued his certificate in respect of this ship.

Referring to the regulations regarding ships' equipment the report says:—
"The ship was fully equipped by her owners with arms, rockets, etc., as required by Regulations Nos. 14 and 15."

"The number of guards employed was six, being two in excess of the number required by the Regulations."

CARGO AND BAGGAGE.
"The Regulations with regard to the stowage of cargo and passengers' baggage have never been observed or enforced. The responsibility here must be shared alike by the owners of the ships, by the Master, by the Captain Superintendent of Police and by the Harbour Master. The omission to observe these regulations has been open and deliberate and has been in no measure an evasion. As will appear later in this report we are unanimously of opinion that these provisions are impracticable and ineffective."

GENERAL.
"So far as the responsibility for carrying out these Regulations rests upon the owners, we find that the owners of s.s. 'Sui An' have been completely exonerated. We are impressed with the fact that they have done everything in their power to ensure that full effect should be given to the Regulations on this ship."

MASTERS FOUND NEGLIGENT.

GUARDS NOT PROPERLY DISPOSED.

"Captain Birss, the Master of the s.s. 'Sui An' has in our opinion contravened the following Regulations:—
(a.)—Regulation No. 26, which requires that "Each guard while on duty shall carry one police whistle, one rifle and 50 rounds of ammunition, and one revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition."
(b.)—Regulation No. 27, which requires that "guards shall be exercised weekly in the use of their weapons. Also Regulation No. 20 which requires that the arms and ammunition of the ship should be tested weekly by the ship's officers."

"At least one guard shall be on duty and shall patrol the space between the doggers and the grille protecting the bridge deck at all times during the voyage." All guards on duty were posted outside the grille which protected the bridge deck.

"Regulation No. 33, which requires that "Each certificated officer shall carry one rifle and 25 rounds of ammunition, also with one revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition while the ship is in a danger zone." The Master and his certificated officers were carrying no arms.

"This relates to the locking of the engine and boiler room doors at all times while the ship is in a danger zone." The Master shares with the Chief Engineer the responsibility for the fact that the doors of the engine and boiler room remained unlocked.

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given by Captain Birss to be satisfactory and that the arrangements made in lieu of those laid down in the Regulations were of such a nature as to make the defence of the bridge in event of attack practically abortive. Only two rifles were issued to the four guards on duty. By direction of Captain Birss they were carried unloaded. The guards were only given a few rounds of ammunition for their revolvers. Neither Captain Birss nor any of his certificated officers carried arms. The Piracy Regulations were not brought to the notice of the officers by the Master. The only direction given by him in the event of a piracy was that the guards should retire to the bridge. He failed to realise the danger of piracy and that any piracy must be a surprise attack. His guards were not properly disposed. We realise fully the difficulty in which Captain Birss was placed by the surprise practical attack made on his ship. We desire to guard ourselves from being understood to reflect here upon his personal conduct on that occasion. In our opinion, however, he must be found negligent in having omitted to hold himself, his certificated officers, and his guards, in readiness to defend the ship in accordance with the Piracy Regulations."

THE OTHER OFFICERS.

"We find that the Chief Officer must be held negligent for having omitted to carry arms as required by Regulation No. 32."

"We find that the Chief Engineer must be held negligent for his failure to comply with Regulation No. 32. He also omitted to comply with Regulation No. 32 which requires that the doors of the engine and boiler rooms should be kept locked."

"What we have stated above with reference to the Chief Engineer applies also to the Second Engineer. At the same time with reference to his position in this enquiry having contravened Regulation No. 32, we notice that he was on duty in the engine room at the time of this occurrence, and we shall here later recommend that certificated officers on duty in the engine room shall not be required to carry arms upon their persons."

THE GRILLES.

SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOCKED.

"There are two outstanding features in the circumstances of this occurrence to which our attention has been drawn. Firstly, the grilles prescribed by Regulation No. 2 or provided in accordance with Regulation No. 10 were not kept locked. Secondly, two guards out of the four who were on duty were posted off on the main deck among the second class passengers. Both these matters are within the province of the Master only. We notice that no contravention of any Regulation is involved in them. The Regulations require grilles but at the same time omit to require that they should be locked. It is, of course, obviously improper that they should not be kept locked. The suggestion has been made to us that this omission by the Master constitutes a breach of Regulation No. 26 which requires that "The Master shall commit no act of omission which may tend to prevent any of the provisions of these Regulations from being properly carried out." We reject this suggestion and are content to express the view that Captain Birss would have carried out his duty as Master more efficiently if he had taken steps to keep the grilles locked. The two guards allocated to the main deck at were posted there by the Master primarily to protect the bridge deck, etc., in accordance with Regulation No. 24 (b). We have only one comment to make on this subject, namely, that in our opinion a better and more effective disposition could have been made."

WERE REGULATIONS ADEQUATE?

THE COMMISSION'S OPINION.

"The report then discusses the adequacy of the existing Piracy Regulations for the suppression of the attack made upon the s.s. 'Sui An' and says:—

"If the Piracy Regulations had been strictly followed by Captain Birss, one guard provided with a whistle and armed with one rifle and 50 rounds of ammunition, also with one revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition would have been on duty near the bridge between the doggers and the grille. A second guard similarly equipped, presumably posted on the bridge deck for the purpose of looking out for the engine room, would have been on duty on the main deck. The grilles would have been locked. The Master and his certificated officers would have carried arms. The doors of the engine and boiler rooms would have been locked. The ship would have been ready to defend itself in the event of an attack."

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opinion these Regulations if carried out would have been effective to this extent. We think it unlikely that this practical plan of attack would ever have been attempted. It had been attempted, in our view the bridge could have been held against the attack for a sufficient time to have robbed it of its element of surprise. An opportunity would have been furnished to inflict damage upon the attackers and to send up signals of distress. It is probable that the bridge could not have been finally held against a determined assault by a large body of armed pirates, but unless the success of the surprise is practically certain, no surprise attack would be undertaken on a ship of the type of the s.s. 'Sui An'."

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.

NEW REGULATIONS SUGGESTED.

The following recommendations on the Piracy Regulations and on the measures for the suppression of piracy are made, the report mentioning that all consideration of vessels not exceeding 60 tons is omitted:—

"The existing Piracy Regulations when originally passed were experimental in character. In the light of experience they have been only partially enforced though their form has not been amended. We think that it may be found more convenient to repeal the present Regulations and substitute others than to use them as a basis for amendment."

"We recommend that a separate series of regulations should be drawn up for steamers trading to River ports or Macao (River steamers) and for steamers trading to sea coast ports (Ocean steamers). The conditions of ocean trade and river trade are as distinct as the general design of the steamers. Regulations applicable to the one are inapplicable to the other."

"With reference to ocean steamers we recommend a general exemption from all regulations in respect of (1) steamers equipped with wireless apparatus and carrying a non-Chinese crew, and (2) steamers equipped with wireless apparatus, of whatever nationality the crew may be, provided they do not carry more than 50 passengers of all classes."

SEPARATE SCHEME FOR EACH SHIP.

"Under the heading of construction we recommend that the present regulations be abandoned and that no standard regulations whatever be imposed. We make this recommendation both for river steamers and for ocean steamers. Ships vary in design, size and purpose to such an extent that general regulations in practice must be relaxed until their usefulness for the defence of each ship be worked out on the merits of each individual ship by a committee to be convened by the Harbour Master while the ship is in port. The committee which we have in mind might consist of the Assistant Harbour Master, (ex-officio chairman), an Assistant Superintendent of Police, a representative appointed by the owners and the Master of the ship. The scheme designed by that committee and approved by the Harbour Master would become the legal scheme of defence for the ship."

"The same committee would also settle the general defensive measures, such as the disposition of the guards."

IMPORTANCE OF CO-OPERATION.

"We anticipate from this proposal an increase of co-operation between the official authorities and the master, who, having the duty of carrying out the scheme adopted would in the ordinary course have a major influence in the discussion. The Assistant Harbour Master would be more particularly concerned with the construction of the ship and the Assistant Superintendent of Police with the guards, their duties and disposition. The extra work involved would have its compensation in additional efficiency, the result of co-operation. In our opinion it is of great importance to enlist the interest of the ship's officers in the defence of their ship. The defence of the ship should be their affair and the official authorities should figure as assisting them in perfecting it and carrying it out. We think that this scheme can be accomplished without causing any delay to ships."

"When the scheme for the ship has once been adopted no question of relaxation of any rules will arise. The scheme can be subject to revision by a similar committee convened by the Harbour Master for that purpose."

"We recommend that an annual certificate of compliance with the scheme in the ship's construction, be issued by the Government Marine Marine Surveyor."

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF DEFENCE.

"We consider that in all regulations or schemes made for the prevention of the piracy, attention should be concentrated on measures of actual defence of vital parts of the ship. It is based on the fact that the ship is a floating fortress and that the pirates are a small force of men who are not equipped with the same weapons as the ship's crew."

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The P. & O. s.s. "Mankin" left

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The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" arrived

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The D. & Co. s.s. "Kendal Castle"

which sailed from Hongkong on Nov. 21

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The B. F. s.s. "Calcutta" left Port Said

on Feb. 3 for Boston and New York.

The B. F. s.s. "Rumens" left Port Said

on Feb. 4 for London, Hull, Rotterdam

and Hamburg.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Ransom Maru"

(Bombay Line) left Moji for Hongkong

on Feb. 4 and is expected here on Feb. 9.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada"

Capt. A. J. Halliday, R.N.R. Commander,

will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver

B.C. via Shanghai (Wootton), Kobe and Yokohama at noon

on Feb. 10.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" left

Singapore for this port on Monday Jan.

23 at 10.30 a.m. with the outward English

Mail, and is due here on Saturday Feb. 10

at about noon.

The B. F. s.s. "Autolys" from Liverpool

left Singapore on Feb. 6 for this port

and is due here on Feb. 11.

The B. F. s.s. "Tulwila" for London,

Rotterdam and Antwerp left Shanghai

on Feb. 7; is due here on Feb. 10 day-

light and will be despatched at noon on

Feb. 12.

The F. M. s.s. "President Cleveland"

sailed for San Francisco via Shanghai,

Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on

Jan. 23 and arrives at San Francisco on

Feb. 12.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia"

sailed for Yokohama on Feb. 1 at

9 a.m. left Yokohama on Feb. 3 at noon

and is due at Vancouver on Feb. 12.

The B. L. s.s. "City of Suez" left

Suez on Jan. 19 and is due to arrive at

Hongkong on Feb. 13.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Rango Maru" (Aus-

tralian Line) left Sydney for Hongkong

via ports on Jan. 20 and is expected here

on Feb. 14.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Bengal Maru" (Liverpool

Line) left Bombay for Hongkong on Jan. 22

and is expected here on Feb. 15.

The P. & O. s.s. "Scilla" is expected

to arrive at Hongkong on or about on

Feb. 16.

The Dodwell Castle Line s.s. "Bolton

Castle" which left New York on Dec. 13

left Honolulu on Jan. 18 via Manila and

is expected here on Feb. 19.

The B. F. s.s. "Agamemnon" left

Liverpool on Jan. 13 for Penang, Port

Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong,

Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is

due here on or about Feb. 21.

The P. M. s.s. "President Pierce"

leaves Hongkong for San Francisco via

Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu

on Jan. 21 and arrives at San Francisco

on Feb. 29.

The China-Australia Steamship Co.'s

s.s. "Victoria" with Australian Mail

sailed from Sydney on Feb. 3 and is

expected to be here on or about Feb. 24.

The Wing On Co. Ltd. s.s. "Wing On"

The R. F. s.s. "Ruyter" left Liver-

pool on Jan. 20 for Penang, Port Swet-

tenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shang-

hai, Kobe, Yokohama and Yokohama and

is due here on or about Feb. 24.

The B. F. s.s. "Pier" left Rotterdam

Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe

and Yokohama and is due here on or

about March 2.

The P. M. s.s. "President Pierce"

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The Headmaster read his report as follows:—

HEADMASTER'S REPORT.
The year 1922 completes the fourteenth year of the school's existence in its present form, and as we look back over the past year we feel that we have real cause for thankfulness as we note how once again the increasing years bring increasing development in every department of the school's life and activities.

ATTENDANCE.
The attendance for the year shows a decided increase, the highest number present on one day being 429 which was nearly one hundred more than the highest recorded in any previous year. Individual attendances, too, were fairly good, no less than 32 boys having an unbroken record throughout the year.

This increased attendance has necessitated the erection of a new building which now stands on the site of the old servants' quarters and which, we believe, greatly improves the look of the place besides giving us extra class rooms and a drill hall. The students have been most active in collecting funds for the building and in one short campaign of ten days collected nearly \$1,000.

STUDIES.
The work in all the classes has shown some measure of improvement, the Inspector of English Schools remarking that he noticed an improvement in pronunciation at his annual inspection, while the improvement in the upper classes was seen in the number of candidates passing the Matriculation and Locals. Examinations, which was larger than in any previous year. In the Matriculation and Senior Locals thirteen passed, Chan To Sang passing with Honours, getting distinction in three subjects including English.

In the Junior Locals 28 passed, obtaining distinction in fourteen subjects. We were particularly gratified at the fact that two of these distinctions were for English, undoubtedly the hardest subject for a Chinese candidate.

SPORTS.
As regards sports, the row of cups and shields on the platform testifies to success along this line. Thanks largely to the enthusiasm and energy of our sportsmaster, Mr. Leung Sui Sang, we have again had a very successful year. A larger number of boys took part in the sports than in past years and there was, we believe, a further development of the real "sporting spirit" which can take defeat with a smile and victory without conceit.

The cups before us are the trophies for the Senior and Junior divisions of the Schools. Volleyball League, also the Open Volleyball Championship Shield and the Cup for the Provincial Championship, won at the last Kwong Tung Provincial Sports. We have also the Schools' Basketball Shield, besides trophies for track events, such as the half and quarter mile championships. Last, and perhaps best of all, there is the Shield presented by H.B. the Governor for the school winning most points in the Annual Schools' Athletic Sports. It is gratifying to think that the name of our school is the first to be inscribed on the shield.

Swimming was again very popular during the summer, a large number of boys always going out on our bi-weekly trips to Stonecutters Island. We finished the season with a record number of swimmers, 78 having passed the test, while many others could swim a little but not enough to risk the test which is a fairly exacting one.

We owe a deep debt of gratitude to the Y.M.C.A. In the first place for organizing swimming classes during the summer months in the

Y.M.C.A. swimming bath, which were attended by approximately 200 of our boys, and which undoubtedly contributed largely to the record number of swimmers who passed the test. And secondly for organizing drilling classes during the winter months, which have also been largely attended.

STAFF.
Like other Hongkong schools, we have suffered considerably from changes of staff. During the year we have lost Mrs. Claxton, who returned to England after ten years of valuable work in the school; our chaplain, Rev. S. K. Tao, who went to England for further study; and Messrs. Lo Sik Tean, Tang Wai Chun, Albert Wong Yee But and Lee Kai Rai, the last three having been with us both as students and teachers for a number of years. In their place we have been glad to welcome back Mr. Wong Siu Pun, who left us two years ago for further study in England, also Mrs. Crocker and Miss Baker, and the Messrs. S. C. Yu, S. C. Chung, Ts. Yuk Wa, Andrew Chua, and Ng Wai U, the last three having come on as teachers from our Class I. of last year. We must also record our gratitude to Miss Pitts who has taught Scripture in Class I. throughout the year, and to Miss Boscombe who taught Drawing with such good success that 16 passed out of 18, one obtaining distinction.

I always say that Staff may come and Staff may go, but the same spirit is always evident, a real interest in the work of the school, a ready and a cheerful willingness to give of the best and an earnest desire to lead the boys to the highest and noblest ideals.

This is well reflected in the moral and social activities of the boys. The free school at Tai Hang has been maintained throughout the year, largely by the subscriptions of the boys, and Christmas was made happy for them by a treat which was organised and carried through by the members of this school. The free night school, carried on by the Hostel boarders, has seen another successful year which has laid its members under a yet further debt of gratitude to the senior boys in the Hostel to whom this work has meant very real self-sacrifice at times.

RELIGIOUS TEACHING.
Furthermore, the religious committee of the school Y.M.C.A. has done good work during the year in running Scripture Union meetings, Sunday School classes, a lending library, and organising a band of teachers and senior boys who have gone regularly one evening a week to a Preaching Hall in the centre of the City where they have addressed large and attentive crowds.

To some of us these last things count for more than Honours in examinations or cups for sports. We make no secret of the fact that our first aim is to send men from these walls, men who have caught a glimpse of an ideal of service for others even to the point of real self-sacrifice. We hold with the well-known answer given by the greatly beloved Queen Victoria to an African chief who asked of her the secret of England's greatness. "This," she replied, holding up the Bible, "this is the secret of England's greatness."

If we are able in this school to pass on something of this noble life, portrayed within these pages, if we can spur our boys to some desire to follow the example of the manliest of men therein revealed, if we can encourage them to "Fight like a knight."

For the Truth and the Right, To shun all that's mean,
To keep themselves clean,
Both without and within,
then we shall feel that the school is really serving its purpose.

Before giving away the prizes, the Admiral addressed the boys. He remarked that this was the first time he had ever addressed a gathering of Chinese college students, and at first he had felt rather startled. However, he had studied the thing, and felt proud to address them. Judging by the report they were hard workers and good players.

Don't Ought.
It is absurd to allow a child to have on his back a large number of medals and cups. You don't know where a medal will land you. You can't afford to have a large number of medals and cups on your back. You can't afford to have a large number of medals and cups on your back. You can't afford to have a large number of medals and cups on your back.

BOOKS.**RECENT LABOUR CRISIS AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE.**

"The Engineering Industry and the Crisis of 1922." By A. Shadwell, M.A., M.D., LL.D. John Murray.

The recent crisis in the engineering industry was not, as it probably appeared to the public, merely one more episode in the dreary and interminable series of industrial disputes which have retarded the economic recovery of the country since the war ended. It has a deeper significance, Mr. Shadwell points out, sufficiently important to command the attention of all who take an intelligent interest in social economics. "It brought to a more definite issue than before a question of long-standing which concerns the working of the whole industrial machinery whereby we live. This is the question of control or direction or management—whichever term is preferred—in manufacturing works and, indeed, in all corporate undertakings. On its correct solution our future very largely depends. If it enables the machine to work more smoothly we shall prosper; if it increases friction we shall go downhill. The moment is therefore crucial, and it is desirable that the issue should be clearly understood." This task of making the issue clear Mr. Shadwell has performed with marked success, detailing the rise and progress of the industry; its organisation and early disputes; the dispute of 1917-18; the industry's welfare during the war and after; and the great lock-out which brought the management question to a head. Mr. Shadwell supports his conclusions with the text of relevant agreements, memoranda, and regulations. His book adds an important chapter to industrial history.

THE RACES.**DERBY ENTRIES.**

Below are the entries received for the Hongkong Derby, the classic event of the annual race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, which starts this year on February 28. The pick of the bunch are Messrs. G. H. Potts and Ellis Hayman's Harvest King; Mr. Hector Sassoon's Roman Standard, and Sir Paul's Peerless Dahlia.

Mr. A. A. Alves's Sacadura.
Mr. H. Birkett's Korean Star.
Mr. A. H. Carroll's Maple Leaf.
Lady Chatter's Penguin.
Mr. Dyer's Manifesto.
Mr. Dyer's King Henry.
Mr. Dynasty's King Johnnie.
Mr. Dynasty's King Tommy.
Mr. Ferdinand's Royal Beauty.
Mr. Ferdinand's Royal Duke.
Mr. Ferdinand's Royal Earl.
Mr. Harley's Dempsey.
Messrs. Leitch and Moncrieff's Avenger.
Messrs. Leitch and Moncrieff's Prior Muir.
Sir Paul's Valiant Dahlia.
Sir Paul's Satisfaction Dahlia.
Sir Paul's Peerless Dahlia.
Sir Paul's Ideal Dahlia.
Sir Paul's Orient Dahlia.
Messrs. G. H. Potts and Ellis Hayman's Harvest King.
Messrs. G. H. Potts and Ellis Hayman's Veteran King.
Mr. Hector Sassoon's Roman Eagle.
Mr. Hector Sassoon's Roman Victory.
Mr. Hector Sassoon's Roman Standard.
Mr. Sath's In Spite Of.
Mr. Sath's Even Though.
Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Harryfield.
Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Simple Pete.
Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's John Keats.
Messrs. Stephen and Stitt's Durley.
Mr. Towers' Cyr Tile.
Mr. Towers' Ridge Tile.

He reminded them of an old English motto which ran:

"All play and no work,
Gives Jack a ragged shirt;
But all work and no play,
Makes Jack a dull boy."

If they always bore that in mind they would not go far wrong. He congratulated them on the success they had entertained at sport, and on the excellent tone of the College generally.

PRIZE LIST.

Class I.—Chan To Sang.
Class II.—Tam Pui Chiu.
Class III.—Hung Po Cho.
Class IV.—Tao Chi Yung.
Class V.—Leung Ping Chun.
Class VI.—Yip Cheung Sun.
Class VII.—Tang Ping Wa.
Class VIII.—Tam Tak Yim.
Class IX.—Lee Ping Yuen.
Class X.—Sung Man Chan.
Class XI.—Yip Pak Chuen.
Class XII.—Ma Shu Lung.
Class XIII.—Lee Tai King.
Class XIV.—Ng Tai Hung.
Class XV.—Leung Chun Hing.
Class XVI.—Huen Suk Ching.
Class XVII.—Wong Kwan Yee.

PRINCESS MARY BECOMES MOTHER.

LONDON, February 7.

A son has been born to Princess Mary.

[Princess Mary, only daughter of King George and Queen Mary, was married on February 28 last year to Viscount Lascelles, the eldest son of the Earl and Countess of Harewood, the latter the younger daughter of the third Earl of Bradford.]

CRICKET.**H.C.C. v. UNITED SERVICES.****CHINA NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.**

The following have been selected to represent the Hongkong Cricket Club against the United Services on Friday and Saturday, 16th and 17th February, at 11 a.m. on Club ground:—R. Hancock (Capt.), T. E. Pearce, L. B. Reid, G. R. Saver, L. J. Davies, R. E. A. Webster, H. Owen, Hughes, E. J. R. Mitchell, F. H. Farthing, H. E. Hollands and D. E. G. Nicholson.

A GIRL'S DEATH.
CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

MOTOR ACCIDENT SUIT.

After our report of the interesting action in the Summary Court, for damages arising out of the death of a small Chinese girl who was killed in a motor accident in Shanghai Street, Taumai, had closed yesterday, the Justice Judge (Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz) gave judgment for the defendants, but did not deal with the question of costs.

In giving judgment His Lordship said the case was one of fact. Both sides had argued the case very well, but he had great difficulty in accepting the evidence for the plaintiff. He thought that in all probability the evidence for the defence was the more reliable. His judgment would therefore be for the defendants.

Mr. Webster, in reply to His Honour, said that the defendants were not pressing for costs. This plaintiff he understood was a poor person.

His Honour suggested that the payment by the defendants of a small gratuity in the first place would have saved a great deal of trouble.

Mr. Webster said that the defendants had fought the case on principle, simply to protect their drivers. They felt that their duty was to fight the case. If they had accepted the claim other people in Taumai would be putting forward ridiculous claims.

COMPANY REPORT.**THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

Subject to audit, the Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. will at the forthcoming meeting to be held on February 27, recommend the following allocation of profits:

To Final Dividend of \$1.00 per share 60,000.00
To Bonus of \$1.00 per share 60,000.00
To Reserve Fund 20,000.00
To Bonus to Staff 2,407.91
and carry forward 15,168.61

CRICKET.**KING'S OFFICERS v. TITANIA OFFICERS.**

This interesting all day match was played on the H. K. C. C. ground yesterday. On the first innings, the match resulted in a decisive victory for the Naval officers who scored 163 to their opponents' 68. The King's were given a second knock and this time they made a better stand, having 107 runs for the fall of only one wicket when time intervened.

H.M.S. TITANIA.			
Lieut. Buchanan, b. Hanny	32		
Lieut. Wemyss, b. White	12		
Lieut. Adcock, b. White	21		
Lieut. d'Arcy Evans, b. Hanny	11		
Lieut. Neill, c. and b. Cross	17		
Lieut. Lake, c. and b. White	30		
Lieut. Edwards, not out	20		
Lieut. Bell, b. White	1		
Lieut. Dickson, b. White	0		
Lieut. Fleming, c. and b. White	3		
Lieut. Harris, b. White	1		
Extras	6		
Total	163		

Bowling Analysis.			
Lieut. White	16.4	2	53
Capt. Hanny	11.0	0	64
Capt. Cross	4.0	0	30

OFFICERS OF THE KING'S REGIMENT.

Capt. Hanny, b. Adcock	1
Capt. Skinner, c. Fleming, b. Adcock	0
Lieut. Jones, b. Adcock	0
Lieut. White, b. Lake	0
Capt. Howard, c. Harris, b. Adcock	5
Capt. Moorhead, c. Buchanan, b. Adcock	9
Lieut. Thompson, b. Adcock	0
Capt. Cross, c. Lake, b. Buchanan	10
Lieut. Tisdale, b. Bell	23
Lieut. Gaffery, b. Buchanan	6
Lieut. Humphries, not out	0
Extras	12
Total	66

Bowling Analysis.			
Lieut. Lake	5.3	2	1
Lieut. Adcock	7.1	1	21
Lieut. d'Arcy Evans	2.0	0	5
Lieut. Buchanan	2.1	3	0
Lieut. Bell	1.0	0	1

OFFICERS OF THE KING'S REGT.

Capt. Hanny, c. Edwards, b. Lake	50
Capt. Howard, not out	21
Capt. Cross, not out	6
Extras	6
Total (for 1 wicket)	107

Bowling Analysis.			
Lieut. Wemyss	2.0	17	0
Lieut. Bell	2.0	18	0
Lieut. Fleming	1.0	12	0
Lieut. Dickson	1.0	15	0
Lieut. Adcock	2.0	34	0
Lieut. Lake	1.0	4	0

CONSIGNMENT NOTICE.

Goods on the "Pavie" not cleared to day will be subject to rent. Agents—Arnold Bros.
Goods on the "Bangor" remaining undelivered after January 15 will be subject to rent. Agents—Globe Livingstone and Co., Ltd.
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DAIRY FARM NEWS.**A REAL "TIT BIT"**

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LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.**ARRIVALS.**

Haifong, (Douglas & Co.) from
Poochow, Swatow—Oo's Wharf.
Kwai Wah, (Wai Hing & Co.) from
Tongue—Cao.
Hokan, (Man Wing) from Hap-
hong, Hoihow—Cao.
Hanoi, (Lapicque & Co.) from Hal-
phong, Kwong-chow-wan—Cao.
Probus, (Lapicque & Co.) from
Saigon—Cao.
Helena, (B. & S.) from Liverpool.
Singapore, (H. Whay) from
Yuet Wah, (Hung Shun) from
Saigon—Cao.
Messager Maru, (Nanyo Y.K.) from
Kobe, Bani—B2.
Baltic, (O.B.K.) from
Sourabaya, Swatow—B2.
Taisan, (M. M. & Co.) from Kobe,
Amoy—A.
Kwangtung, (B. & S.) from Hong-
kong, Swatow—B1.
Banks, (J. Mainwaring) from Hong-
kong, Swatow—Cao.
Kwangtung, (J. M. & Co.) from
Sourabaya, Swatow—Cao.
Kwangtung, (Douglas & Co.) from
Poochow, Swatow—February 9.

DEPARTURES.

Yuet Wah, (Hung Shun) for
Swatow—February 7.
Taisan, (M. M. & Co.) for Takao.
February 7.
Helena, (B. & S.) for Yokohama,
Shanghai—February 8.
Hellas, (Kung Cheung) for Saigon.
February 8.
Dowagong, (Kung Cheung) for
Canton—February 8.
Mishina, Maru, (N. Y. K.) for
Hap-hong, Hoihow—February 2.
Hydrangea, (Chin On) for Swatow.
February 8.
Tasmanian, (S. O.) for San
Francisco—February 8.
Hokan, (B. & S.) for Canton—
February 8.
Yuet Wah, (Hung Shun) for
Saigon—February 8.
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THE FILMS

ROGRAMME FEATURES.

TO-NIGHT.

Coronet Theatre.—Doris Keane in "Romance."
 Rowdon Theatre.—"The Little Clown."
 World Theatre.—Ralph Ince in "Out of the Snows."

MR. FRANK MAYO.

STAR OF "DR. JIM."

Frank Mayo has long been on the upper grade of the path trodden by his illustrious grandfather of the same name—but with the difference that the Universal star's experience has been chiefly in the silent drama. Mr. Mayo appeared with his grandfather in "Davy Crockett" and he later achieved more prominence in "The Woman in the Case," "The Square Man," and with Arthur Boucher and Herbert Shenth in "England." But he has been known for several years as a screen star, and many critics have accorded him a high place in historic rank.



Frank Mayo in "DR. JIM."
 IT'S A UNIVERSAL

Some of the motion pictures that have brought Mr. Mayo into the limelight are "Mary Regan," "The Peddler," "Burnt Wings," "Irene," "The Brute Breaker," "A Little Brother of the Rick," "Hitchin' Posts," "The Marriage Pitt," "Honour Bound," "Tiger Time," "Colorado," "The Magnificent Brute," and "Go Straight." Mr. Mayo is an intellectual individual who knows more than his reserved manner would indicate. In controversy—he can be inveterate into entering it—he is a formidable foe. Let one speak of the subject nearest to his heart—old English writers—and he displays a remarkable depth and breadth of knowledge and a rich store of information.

In "Dr. Jim," the Universal photoplay which is shortly coming to the World Theatre, Mr. Mayo is seen as a great man with a great heart, an eminent surgeon whose hobby it is to cure crippled children though he neglects his own wife in the process.

NEW COLOUR FILM.

A CHINESE STORY.

Followers of motion pictures who believe that black and white pictures soon will be replaced by films in the colours of nature will be interested in the release of a picture in colour, the result of several years of experimentation on the part of the Technicolor Motion Picture Corporation of Boston. The picture is called "The Toll of the Sea."

The story is nothing new, neither is there any originality in the development of its plot. It is simply a variation of the Madam Butterfly theme, transferred to China. But in choosing a simple plot such

as this one for their first work, the producers have shown wisdom. The purpose of the picture, obviously, is to show that beauty may be achieved in motion pictures by the use of colour, and the plot is a secondary consideration. But they have also invested this hackneyed story with a beauty that is of its simplicity alone, refusing to treat it with the sentimentality which pervades many such stories. It is surprising how much poignancy may be given to an ordinary story by simple, straightforward telling.

The story, therefore, requires little attention. But the colour and beauty with which it is surrounded challenge the imagination and hold the attention from the first moment when little Lotus Flower is seen watching the sea roll in, to the last, when, having discharged her duty to the world, as she sees it, she walks calmly out to meet the great waves which had brought her her toll of sorrow.

In the first few feet of the film are shown the brown rocks, rising wet and austere from the green waves that roll around them, tipped with lacy white. A bit of sunlight is caught and imprisoned in a shallow pool, in the shadow of cliffs. A breeze blows, lifting the seaweed from the surface of the rocks, and breaking the surface of the pool into a thousand little ripples of sunlight. A cloud passes over the sun, and the surface of the ocean changes from blue to an eerie emerald green.

Then comes Lotus Flower, her cheeks brown as the shadow of the rocks, her eyes blue as the sea, and her smooth hair black as the deepest shadow. She blends with the scenery in a surprising way. Her movements are restrained, graceful. And when the sea brings the young American to her feet, one sees the wild rose colour in her cheeks deepen, her eyes shine with excitement and curiosity.

Later, when she dresses to meet him after a long separation in the bravest robes of state, the silver bangles glitter; the satin gives off a shimmer and sheen with each movement. The gorgeous jade of a bracelet costume, the dull black of the serving women, the colours on a pair of embroidered slippers—these are things that catch the eye with every foot of film.

Lotus Flower is played by a Chinese girl, Anna May Wong. If the average Chinese countenance is unperturbable, then little Miss Wong is not the average type. Her countenance is mobile, emotions play around her features, she is animated: she is calm when calmness is desired, and always is she charming. Her restraint, her good breeding, her freedom from stage tricks, are refreshing to watch. Kenneth Harlan, as the young American, had nothing much to do but walk in and out of the film, but he seems to have caught the spirit of the play from his Chinese leading woman, and acted with a great deal of the restraint and freedom from heroics that characterised her performance. —*Christian Science Monitor.*

DANISH DICKENS FILMS.

The number of good Dickens films has recently been swelled by the Northern Films Company, Copenhagen. Everything has been carefully studied; localities, period, and characters are Dickensian. So far three Dickens films have been produced. Of these only the first, "Our Mutual Friend," has been seen outside Denmark.

The second Danish Dickens film, "Great Expectations," has just been played in Copenhagen. Of the performers little Martin Herzberg stands out by himself. The David Copperfield film promises well. Margarethe Schlegel plays the part of David's mother, Karina Bell is Dora, and Karen Winther is Agnes. The popular Copenhagen actor, Frederik Jensen, is Mr. Micawber.

TALKING PICTURES.

NEW GRAMOPHONE INVENTION.

A gramophone has been invented by Mr. Claude H. Verity, of Leeds, which will speak the words for cinema actors in exact synchronization with their lips. Its mechanism, described by the *Manchester Guardian*, is rather elaborate. Two gramophones of a special pattern are used alternately, the changes of disc being made during any convenient pause in the dialogue. The two are linked together, and above them run two long rows of electric lights. By an arrangement similar to that used on sky signs the speed of the film running through the projector is shown by a wave in the lower row of lights; the speed of the gramophone is similarly shown in the upper row. The voice and the picture are fully synchronized when the two waves run along together.

The obtain relative synchronization of the film is numbered at intervals along its length; the gramophone is equipped with a counter which should correspond with the number on the film. Thus a breakage of film would not prevent the gramophone from stopping and starting in time with the film. Both devices are regulated by hand. The records for the apparatus would



Ruth Roland.

JACKIE COOGAN AS OLIVER TWIST.

FOUNDLINGS' FIRST FILM.

New films are usually first revealed in obscure little theatres to grim collections of trade experts with cigars and press experts who are ad with experience. It was a nice change the other day, says the *Manchester Guardian*, to see Jackie Coogan show himself as Oliver Twist for the first time, in the schoolroom of the Foundling Hospital. One heard the horrifying news that the foundlings had never seen a film of any kind before. If so they must be as far withdrawn from the ordinary experience of London children as they are from the racket of our life in their quiet eighteenth-century haven, under Captain Coram's foundation. It would have been an eye-opener to Hogarth's kind old friend if he could have come back to see his foundlings watching the film's magic lantern in the grim old schoolroom.

Half the magic came from the atmosphere of rapture in which the film story—the story of another foundling—ran its course. The children, "their innocent faces clean," sat in their boys as always separated from girls at the back of the great room, to see their first film, which should not be their last. Jackie Coogan, away in Los Angeles, had heard of the foundlings' premiere, and a message was read from him: "It makes me over so happy to think you are to be the very first children in England to see my new picture. I loved being a foundling, and I have asked Santa Claus to send you something for Christmas. I hope you will have a very happy one with lots of money. What Santa Claus Coogan sent was a hundred guineas for the hospital.

he made in the studio by the speaker or singer while witnessing the projection of the photographed scene. He must then match his lip movements with the necessary words.

In an experimental film recording a speech made by Mr. Farley people were quite startled, he says, to hear my cough at precisely the same instant as they saw it."

The invention has apparently great educational possibilities. Mr. Verity mentioned, as an illustration, the synopsis of a lecture drawn up by the Board of Education. That lecture, he pointed out, may be given by thousands of teachers, and each would be different. But with this machine a lecture could be standardized and given all over the country in exactly the way the Board would wish it. Or take political propaganda. Mr. Lloyd George could deliver a speech virtually in person to hundreds of thousands of people at once.

It wouldn't do for everything, of course. That's where some of the trade who have opposed it make their mistake—they fear it will damage the success of the silent drama. There are some sorts of pictures it would not suit, and others, many of the dramas and most of the educational films, it would suit very well; but who, for instance, wants to hear Charlie Chaplin when he can be seen?"

The invention provides also the special cinema music at the appropriate moment. In a demonstration which Mr. Verity gave to the Leeds Gramophone Society single instruments, such as a piano, were reproduced, it is stated, almost perfectly, but the success is less marked "when the machine has to tackle both the rich discursiveness and the full fabric of orchestral music."

FILMS BY WIRELESS.

SEEING THE DERBY AT SEA.

One day, people in the cinema will be able to see the Derby on the screen while it is actually being run on the racetrack.

This interesting forecast of cinema "stop press" news was given by Professor A. M. Low, who was asked for an opinion on the report from America that motion picture engineers are planning to "broadcast" films by wireless (says the *London Daily Herald*).

Professor Low, who has himself been experimenting in the "transmission" of moving pictures, thought such a scheme might take 50 years to develop.

"At the moment," he said, "it is not possible to reproduce a picture good enough for exhibition to the public."

"But it is possible to reproduce," he added, "although the reproduction is appallingly indistinct. If, however, this much can be done in the laboratory, it is reasonable to say it can be made perfect in time."

Professor Low's apparatus is covered by secret patents. Some of the principles were actually used during the war.

The transmission of pictures is effected by means of the transmission of light densities through screens made up of many squares.

At the moment only very small pictures can be so treated. When they are magnified, they become more indistinct, and in the case of motion pictures, to magnify them would be to increase the "flicker," too.

According to the American report, the universal adoption of broadcast films may be expected next year. Then projection machines and operators will not be wanted in the cinemas, which would receive their films by wireless from a broadcasting station—perhaps 1,000 miles away!

Professor Low does not think the development is so near to completion as that, and at Marconi House the story from the States was denounced as "a wild thing."

KIMEMA SCENE.

GRIFFITH FILM ANNOYS.

Lively disturbances have taken place in one of the boulevard cinema halls of Paris during the presentation of Mr. W. D. Griffith's film, "Orphans of the Storm." The film is based on a story of the French Revolution, but a number of persons, led by a member of the *Ligue d'Action Francaise*, protested against the exhibition on the ground that it was historically false and exaggerated the "evil of the old monarchical regime."

According to these critics, the film would convey the impression that the nobles of France spent their time chiefly in debauchery, and amused themselves by torturing peasants and crushing children under the wheels of their carriages. They demand that at least two episodes, portraying the cruelty of aristocrats, should be cut out. When these episodes were reached at recent performances demonstrators rose in various parts of the house and created such a disturbance that the exhibition had to be interrupted.

A strong force of police has since been on duty in and about the hall to preserve order. The protests continue, and call forth counter-protests from cinema-goers, who wish to enjoy their amusements undisturbed.

There could be no better film for a children's Christmas holiday. There was not a foundling who did not follow with delight every turn in the child's tale, that came so warm and true from the heart of Dickens. The spirit of it is conveyed as truly as it can be in the cold silence of the film. It was pleasant to be assured that Jackie Coogan was not merely an ephemeral discovery of Charlie Chaplin's, beginning and ending with "The Kid." He is a little genius and an unspoiled child. He does not merely beguile as a prodigy—his pathetic simplicity is refined, instinctive art. One is sure that Dickens would have delighted in him as much as any foundling of them all, and one cannot say more than that this American production did not jar on one's affection for the Master's tale.

Jackie Coogan is amazingly self-sufficient. He has been carefully schooled, but if you watch his behaviour when he "sings for more" you see he has what nobody could teach—a way of living in his part. There were little tricks that he must have learnt from Charlie Chaplin, but they were fined down to the natural ways of a child. The pathos of the acting comes quietly out of the circumstances. In photography, lighting, and other accessories "Oliver Twist" is an efficient film.

A word of praise is especially due to the wicked, whistling, Paddy, with his extraordinary hands. Per-What Santa Claus Coogan sent was a hundred guineas for the hospital.

Would You, For a Million?



Charles Hutchinson is the man who captures thrills, tames them and exhibits them, like a trick bear, at one hundred dollars each. When Hutchinson undertook to risk his life daily during the filming of "The White Wind," he refused a regular salary. He said

he worked by the thrill. When the thrills in the first episode of this serial were examined to get a line on the earning capacity of Hutchinson, it became apparent that while this man takes chances with his life, he plays decidedly safe with his income.

TOO REALISTIC.

ENRAGED MOVIE "EXTRAS."

One touch of nature may make the whole world kin, but one touch of realism ruined an erstwhile perfectly good embryo motion picture recently in the southern part of California. Some 800 extras, being used as the "audience" in the filming of a prize-fight scene, in their excitement forgot it was only make believe and proceeded to mob the crooked referee and the villain. After the smoke of battle had cleared away and a squad of police had herded the combatants into the street it was found that the arena was wrecked, the camera broken, the film ruined and the director and regular actors in little better case.

It appears that the scenario called for the hero's seconds to double cross him by pouring a bottle of spirits of ammonia in the water pail. Between rounds, seeing that the villain was in a bad way and probably would be knocked out in the next round, a sponge was doused in the doctored water and then pressed against the hero's face, temporarily blinding him. Somebody in the audience saw the "dirty work" and immediately clouted one of the guilty seconds. The foe for all then started, with disastrous results in so far as concerned the picture. Motion picture directors obviously should make it clear to the hired hands that the things they see are only make believe.

FILMING ST. PAUL'S.

A UNIQUE PICTURE.

Far into the night a score of camera men, electricians, and mechanics worked against time recently to finish the only moving picture ever taken of the interior of St. Paul's Cathedral, and that from crypt to dome (says the *London Daily Mail*).

That innumerable bats have their home in the roof of the cathedral, where they have settled undisturbed for years, was one of the discoveries made when for the first time "Kine-ma searchlights" played in the dome. Scores of these denizens of the dark, dazzled by the glare of the searchlights, fluttered all over the cathedral in search of gloomy retreats. Many took refuge behind the altar.

All proceeds from the exhibition of the film will be devoted to the St. Paul's Restoration Fund. It is particularly interesting to note that the mighty glare of the arc lamps brought to light many additional defects in the masonry.

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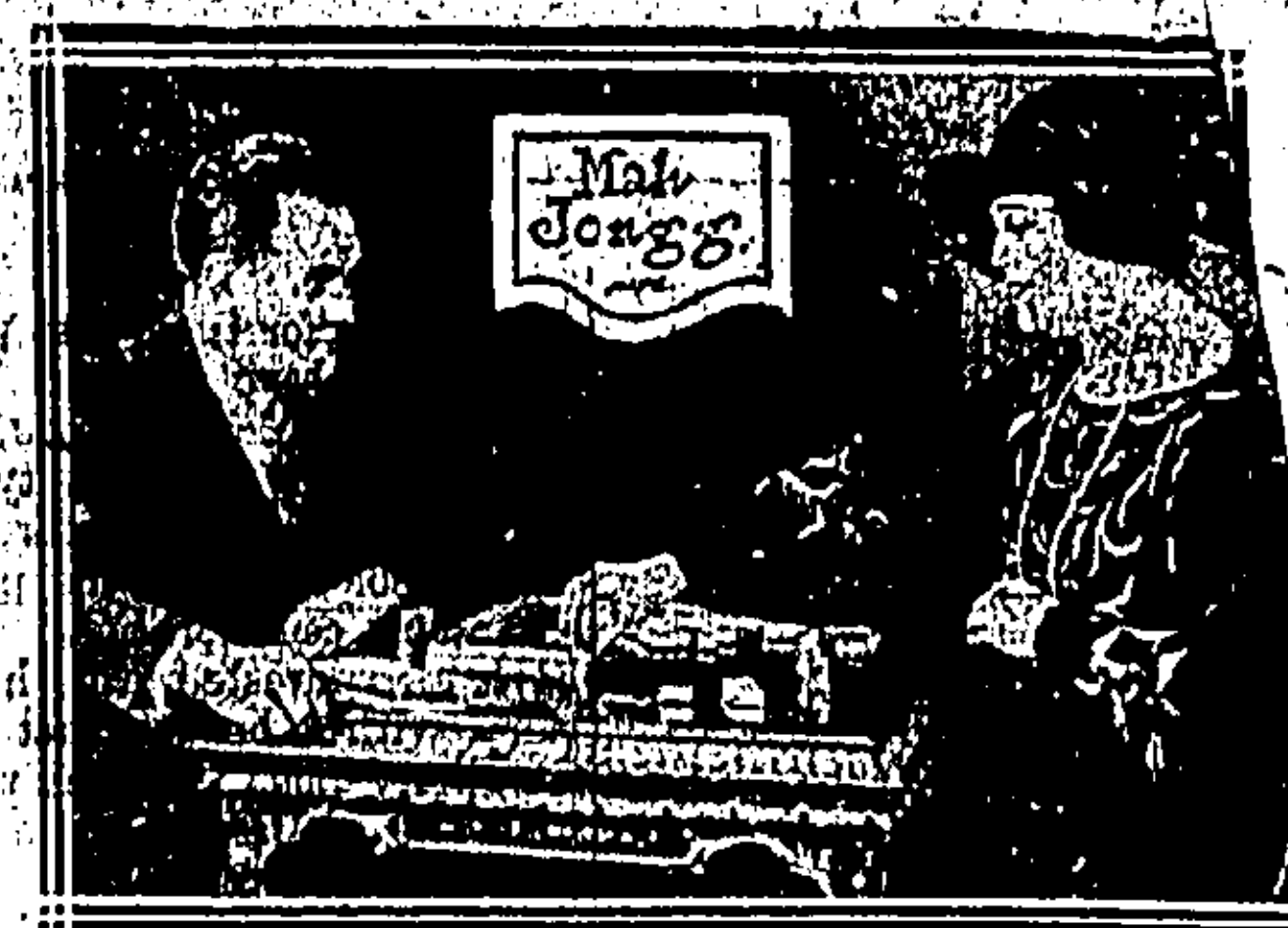


Josephine McDermott & Phyllis Chandler

Walked their way from Jacksonville to Chicago, where they arrived in overalls and without funds, being forced to seek shelter in a "detention station."



Mrs. Kate Mitchell Trotter disappeared from her home on December 2, after a quarrel with her sweetheart Arthur Foster, and her body was sought in the drainage canal. Foster, when arrested, was wearing bloodstained clothing. He declared that during the quarrel with Mrs. Trotter she leaped into the canal. "But Mrs. Trotter's daughter, Eleanor, who confronted the prisoner, alleged that he killed her mother. Mrs. Trotter's two sisters, Mrs. Margaret Koske and Mrs. Kate Mitchell, made similar charges.



Mah Jongg is now American society's latest craze. The players here are Miss Marie Tiffany, operatic star and Mario Chamlee, who has succeeded many of Caruso's roles in the Metropolitan Opera Co.



Earl Haig's Gen. Tasker Bliss

General Tasker H. Bliss, former American Chief of Staff, in a recent magazine article charges Earl Haig with delaying the unity of command.



Miss Dorothy Knapp, winner of the Venus contest in a New York exhibition, is being sued by Miss Anna Hyatt, loser, who claims she has a figure more like that of Venus. Miss Helmar Liedermann, who was "Miss Alaska" in the Atlantic City Beauty Pageant, now offers to bet the \$200 she won in another beauty contest that she is more like Venus than either of the two New York girls.



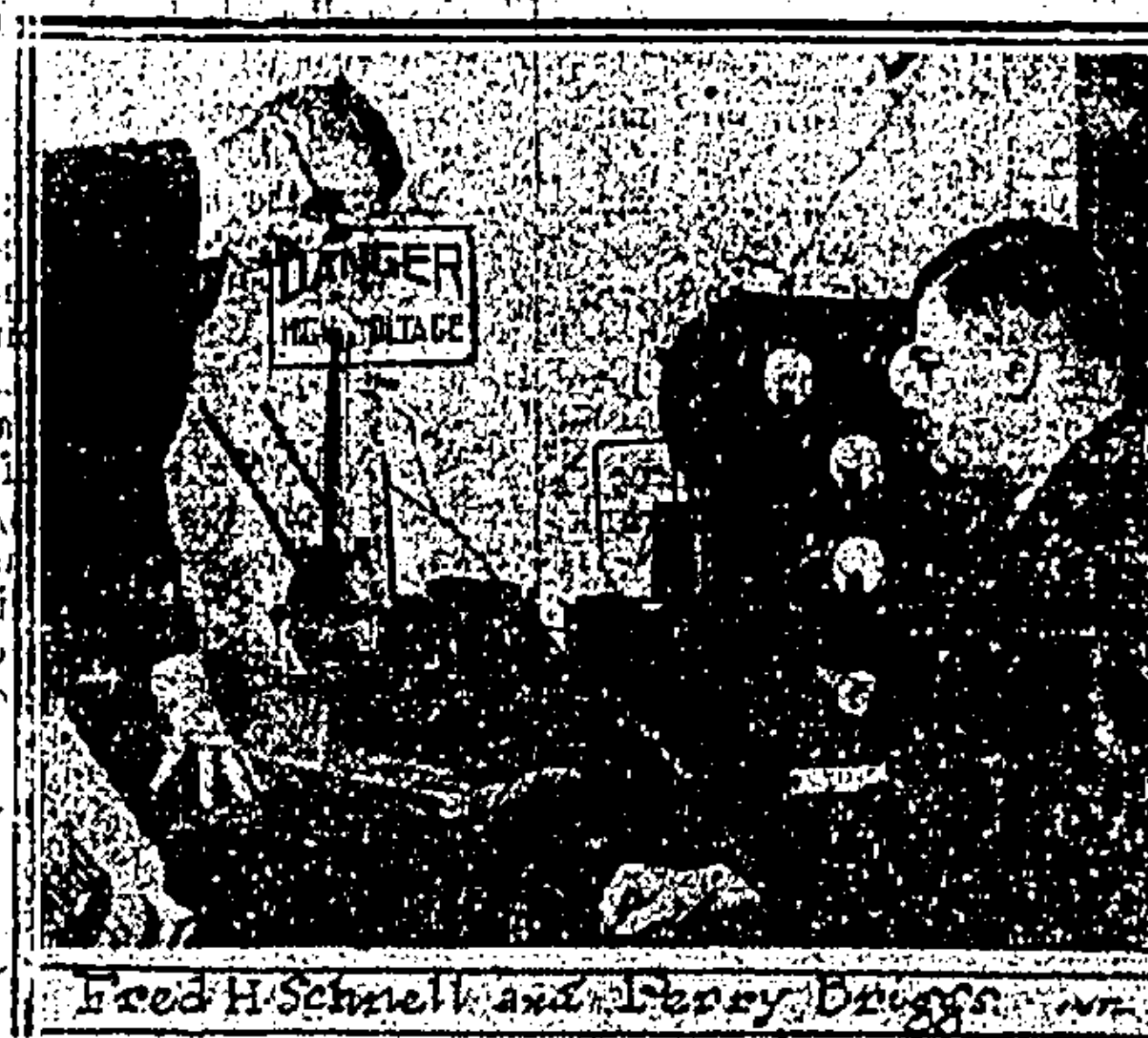
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Officials who attended the Conference of American Governors at White Sulphur Springs.



Wives of Governors of American States who accompanied their husbands to the recent conference at White Sulphur Springs.



Home-made amateur radio station, one of several thousand in the United States from which amateurs are attempting to "span" the Atlantic in tests conducted by the American Radio Relay League. This station was heard by amateurs of both France and England on the first day of the test.



A hermit for 45 years, Asa Flint, 83 years old, was recently taken to visit the city. He had never ridden a motor car and never seen the moving pictures.



Prince Regent Hirohito, heir to the Japanese throne, whose marriage takes place shortly.

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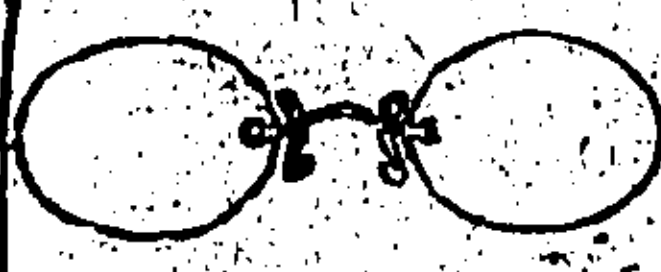
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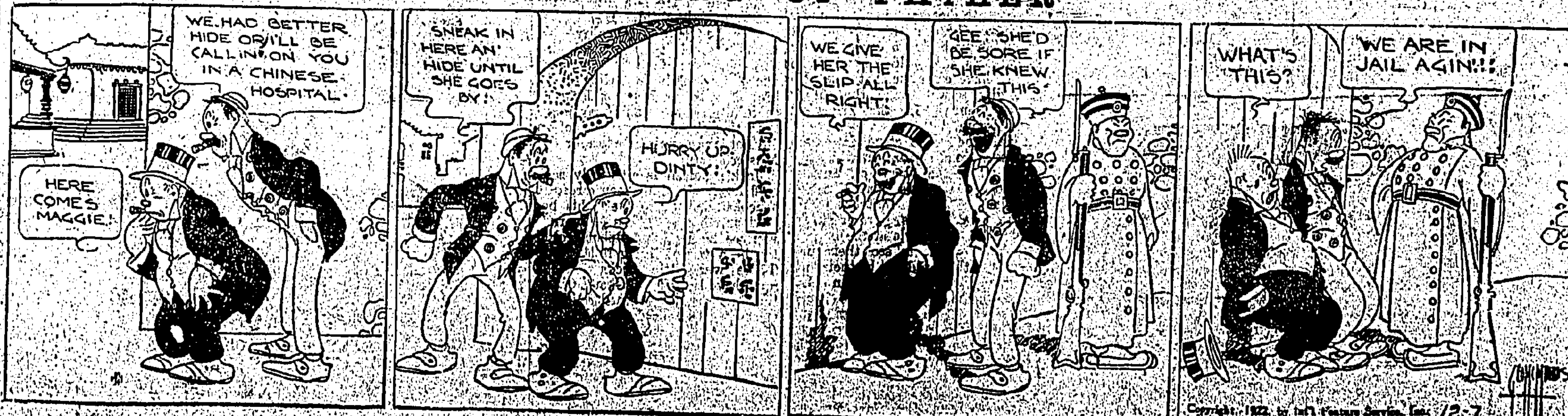
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS

(Reuter's Service to the "China Mail")
CHINESE EDITOR'S ARREST.

PEKING, February 7.
The police, on Saturday, arrested Lin Chao Yang, editor of the Asiatic News Agency, allegedly on the written request of Lin Kun (Cabinet Secretary).
Fifty journalists yesterday called on the Premier, and protested against the arrest of Lin Chao Yang, alleging that the arrest was not effected on a regular warrant.
The Premier promised to refer the matter to the Judicial Courts, and the journalists withdrew, but they are not satisfied and intend to revisit the Premier to-day.

RUHR OCCUPATION.

LONDON, February 6th.
It is foreboded from Paris that the French, in pursuance of the policy of fresh sanctions, contemplate taking over the control of the Ruhr ironworks and kindred activities.

PARIS, February 6th.
The railwaymen at Treves and a number of other centres in the occupied territory, also the Rhine mariners and barges have again gone on strike.

Essen, February 6th.
An authoritative German quarter states that a French column has occupied Leven, Hergborn and Krefeld to the south of Elberfeld and Barmen.

The Germans are of the opinion that the eventual object of the French is to occupy the Elberfeld-Barmen industrial area, thereby making the whole of the occupied territory an industrial unit.
[The towns of Elberfeld and Barmen are contiguous in the upper valley of the Wupper, Rhine River, Prussia.]

LONDON, February 6th.
According to the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent, some British Ministers and competent diplomatic observers who have, up to the present, strongly opposed a British withdrawal from the Ruhr are now inclined to the opposite view, as it is feared that the growing disorders in the Ruhr district, and the French advance on Hesse and Baden, will cause further embarrassments to the British garrison.

NEAR EAST SITUATION.

LONDON, February 6th.
It is understood that under no circumstances will Lord Curzon return to Lausanne, except for the sole purpose of signing the treaty, and with a Turkish guarantee not to restart further negotiations.

The Morning Post's Lausanne correspondent states that Lord Curzon has telegraphed to Ismet Pasha, demanding the exact conditions on which he is prepared to sign the treaty.

LAUSANNE, February 6th.
Prior to his departure, Ismet Pasha stated that he had notified the conference of his decision, and that he did not consider that a rupture had occurred. He would return in three weeks' time.

MEXICAN CITY GRANT.

MEXICO CITY, February 6th.
Newspaper reports state that President Obregon has granted a concession of a tract of Federal territory to the National Railway, as the first step in the Government's programme to keep the national resources in Mexican, instead of Foreign hands.

The concession is virtually the same as that granted to the Los Angeles syndicate, which was allowed to lapse.
[A cable message dated December 23rd stated that, according to a statement by the Los Angeles Times, President Obregon had granted to a group of Los Angeles business men and oil operators a concession of eleven million acres on the east coast of Mexico, adjoining the rich Tampico and Tuxtlam oilfields.]

The newspaper understood that the concessionaires were willing to work the field under the terms of Article 27 of the Mexican Constitution, which the old companies considered confiscatory, and which was the chief issue between President Harding and President Obregon, preventing the United States from recognizing the Mexican Government.

U.S. IMMIGRATION LAWS.

LONDON, February 6th.
The Times Vancouver correspondent states that instructions issued by the Secretary of State advise County Court Judges, when dealing with the question of naturalization, not to discriminate against Orientals, but to treat them equally with other nationalities, thus reversing the judges' previous practice.

HOME FOOTBALL.

SHANGHAI, February 7th.
Following are the results of Tuesday's Scottish League Matches:
Third Lanark... 2 Rangers... 2
St. Mirren... 4 Dundee... 0

Worn New Coins.
The Government are withdrawing some of the silver coins from circulation, and it is costing them £700,000 to do so. During the war there was a tremendous output of money from the Mint and the Treasury made a profit of £12,000,000, said Mr. Baldwin, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in the House of Commons. The new debased silver coins, he said, were valuable when reduced to metal as the old coins, and whereas formerly the Mint could withdraw money at a profit, it now stands at a loss.

Sir Charles Oman denounced the new debased silver coins as "absolutely shameful." The King's "Ruler" was barely visible on the larger coins and worn off on a few weeks' (laughter).
Mr. Baldwin, the Chancellor, admitted that the coins of 1920 were "bad in colour," but said the current year's issue was better.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED IN THE "MAIL."

ENTERTAINMENTS.

February 8.—Coronet Theatre: Doris Keane in "Romance." World Theatre: Ralph Ince in "Out of the Snows." Kowloon Theatre: The Little Clown.

February 8.—Star Theatre: Bandman's Eastern Circuit Ltd. present Kuo's Royal Hawaiian Troubadours.

February 10.—Theatre Royal: The Great Australian Theatrical firm, J. O. Williamson Ltd. present their Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company. Opening Performance "The Gondoliers."

February 11.—Coronet Theatre: "Trumpet Island."

February 12.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "Trial By Jury" and "H.M.S. Pinafore."

February 13.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "Pirates of Penzance."

February 14-15.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "The Yeoman of the Guard."

February 16.—Theatre Royal: Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Co., "Iolanthe."

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

February 12.—Lahmert Bros. breaking up collection of about 800 picked stamps. Sales Rooms, 5.15 p.m.

February 12.—Three pieces of Crown Land at Causeway Bay, Tai Hang and Waterloo Road respectively. P.W.D. at 3 p.m.

February 13.—Lahmert Bros. valuable household furniture, typewriter, two riches and an astronomical telescope. Sales Rooms, 11 a.m.

SPORTING EVENTS.

February 10.—Royal Hongkong Yacht Club Gala Day in connection with the opening of the New Bowling Lawn, when Commodore and Mrs. Lewis will be "at home" from 8 p.m.

February 17.—Hongkong Football Association Inter-Club Game, Hongkong v. Shanghai. Kick-off 4 p.m.

February 17.—Hongkong Football Association Inter-Club Game, South China v. Shanghai. Kick-off 4 p.m.

February 19.—St. Andrew's Church Men's Association Annual Marathon Race, at 4 p.m.

February 23.—First day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 1.—Second day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 2.—Third day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

March 3.—Fourth day of Jockey Club's race meeting.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 10.—Hampshire Estate and Finance Co., annual general meeting at Hongkong Hotel, 10.30 a.m.

February 10.—China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., 20th ordinary annual meeting of shareholders at St. George's Building 6 Connaught Road, 11 a.m.

February 13.—Hongkong and Canton, Macao Steamboat Co. meeting at Co.'s office 5a, Des Voeux Road, noon.

February 13.—34th ordinary meeting of the Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd., Victoria Buildings, at 11.30 a.m.

February 15.—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., 18th annual meeting, Doherty and Co.'s office, 11.30 a.m.

February 20.—36th Annual meeting of shareholders of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at the office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., at noon.

February 24.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, ordinary yearly meeting, City Hall, noon.

FLOWER SHOW.

February 22.—Annual flower and vegetable show of the Hongkong Horticultural Society.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors to following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published—

Signal Station	Height
St. Paul's	1774
St. Peter's	1734
Mountain Lodge	1720
The Kyrie	1720
Peak Hotel	1600
Lakoo Sanatorium	1000
St. David's	877
Bowen Rd. (Riverside)	863
MAINTAIN	
Tamsham	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971
Yai Boek	1646
Shui Kiu	1000
Canton Peak	780
Yai's Peak	734

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For SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

POWDERED GLASS

IN SHIP'S ENGINES.

MARINE COURT PROSECUTION.

The Chinese third and fourth engines of the motorship "Kong Ning" which traded to Kowloon and an electrical fitter employed on the same vessel were brought before the Marine Magistrate (Commander Beckwith) this morning, to answer charges, alleging, desertion, and damaging the ship's engines.

Mr. F. H. Nash, who appeared to prosecute, asked that the desertion charge against the electrical fitter should be withdrawn as the man was not on the ship's articles.

Evidence was given by the master, Captain F. L. Price, and the Chief Engineer, James Whyte, that the "Kong Ning" was due to sail for Kowloon at 6 p.m. last Sunday. At 3 p.m. the Chief Engineer discovered that the three defendants and the second engineer had disappeared and that there was powdered glass in the lubricators which made it unsafe to proceed until the engines were examined. Next day it was found that three greasers were missing. The engines had to be opened up, though-out the ship in order to make sure there was no powdered glass in the ports and the ship would not be able to get away before next Sunday.

(Proceeding.)

KOWLOON CONCERT.

Organised by the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association, an enjoyable concert was given in the Church Hall, Kowloon, last evening, by the Hongkong Male Voice Choir, kindly assisted by Miss Jean Lawson, Mrs. Balcan, Eng. Comdr. Hooker and Mr. J. A. Zeleny. There was a large and appreciative audience present, including many ladies. The Male Choir, consisting of about twenty voices under the conductorship of Mr. G. Q. Fieldgate was in excellent form and sang with great effect. Miss Jean Lawson sang "Husband" and "One Morning, Oh, so early," very sweetly. Mrs. Balcan gave a violin solo, "Hungarian Dances," while Mr. Zeleny amused the audience with his humorous impersonations of a Japanese shipping clerk during the war and a Chinese boy's description of his master's cocktail. Eng. Comdr. Hooker was well applauded for his song "Tavistock Goosey, Etc." The accompanists were Mrs. Collett and Capt. H. Fogg.

NIGHT INCIDENT.

Chief Petty Officer Charles H. Crossman, of H.M.S. "Tamar" was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with having behaved in a disorderly, noisy and riotous manner in Spring Garden Lane last night, with having assaulted a Chinese named Li Kwan, cook of house No. 23, and with having maliciously caused damage to a door of house No. 23, and smashed a glass bottle the property of Li U Nam a shopkeeper.

Defendant pleaded "not guilty" to the first two charges, but admitted the third. He attributed the cause of the trouble to the fact that a packet of crackers he placed on the sill of the shop window while he lighted a cigarette was smashed by someone inside the shop. When witness knocked the door to recover his crackers, complainant rushed out and grappled with him.

After hearing evidence, the Magistrate remanded the case until tomorrow morning.

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